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Dear Mr. Hawkins:

Thank you for your letter of 20 December concerning potential transportation linkages in Ivanof Bay and Perryville and the mutual use of the airport facility at Stepovak Bay.

We agree the proposed consolidation offers potential benefits to both communities and merits further consideration. Per a letter from DOT&PF's Jack Melton to Alfred Kalmakoff (Ivanof Bay Village Council) dated November 29, 1999, Ivanof Bay is scheduled to receive an airport master plan update in Federal Fiscal Year 2001. While this action does not guarantee that the road and airport improvements being suggested will occur, they will be fully considered in the process, and the community's willingness to offer title and right-of-way will be factored into the evaluation of alternatives. I encourage you to continue the dialog with Jack concerning the specifics of the study.

The aviation analysis for the Southwest Alaska Transportation Plan is not yet started. It will address regional aviation from a system perspective, identifying needs and recommending improvements sequentially to individual airport facilities based on their relation to the overall system as well as their individual safety and operational requirements. I am confident that the **Ivanof** Bay airport master plan update will not be delayed by the outcome of this analysis and will be included in the plan's recommendations.

Sincerely,

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